

GEORGIA WEEKLY HATCHERY



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BROILERS PLACED IN GEORGIA UP 9 PERCENT BROILER EGGS SET DOWN SLIGHTLY

Placement of broiler chicks in Georgia during the week ending May 8 was 27.1 million, up slightly from the previous week and up 9 percent from the comparable week last year, according to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service.

An estimated 32.4 million broiler type eggs were set by Georgia hatcheries, down 2 percent from the previous week and down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier.

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 8, 2004. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 8, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 8, 2004 were 3.23 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

GEORGIA BROILER TYPE EGGS SET AND CHICK PLACEMENTS

		Eggs Set ^{1/}			Net Cross State Movement of Chicks		Chicks Placed		
Week Ended		2003	2004	% of year ago	2003	2004	2003	2004	% of year ago
		Thousands			Thousands		Thousands		
Jan	31	31,313	33,063	106	+63	-934	25,094	25,636	102
Feb	7	31,196	33,308	107	+493	-877	25,555	25,821	101
Feb	14	31,340	33,138	106	+383	-1,001	25,761	25,613	99
Feb	21	31,638	33,439	106	+96	-726	25,002	25,969	104
Feb	28	31,939	33,414	105	+737	-543	25,746	26,370	102
Mar	6	32,278	32,655	101	-722	-570	24,379	26,205	107
Mar	13	31,553	32,833	104	-535	-645	25,065	26,331	105
Mar	20	31,571	32,232	102	-426	-827	25,422	26,135	103
Mar	27	31,200	32,645	105	-719	-896	25,472	25,683	101
Apr	3	32,331	32,253	100	-769	-505	25,057	25,963	104
Apr	10	32,470	33,220	102	-496	-527	25,163	25,506	101
Apr	17	31,860	33,291	104	-760	-89	24,558	26,269	107
Apr	24	31,904	33,174	104	-510	+332	25,687	26,238	102
May	1	31,878	32,862	103	-35	+677	26,367	27,035*	103
May	8	32,399	32,369	100	-1,085	+159	24,862	27,069	109

1/ Includes eggs set by hatcheries producing chicks for hatchery supply flocks. * Revised

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Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,610	30,353	*31,040	30,956	30,795	30,556
AR	31,453	*31,533	*31,979	31,945	*31,803	31,961
DE	3,738	3,833	3,648	3,833	3,741	3,739
FL	1,343	1,339	1,345	1,342	1,339	1,348
GA	32,253	33,220	33,291	33,174	32,862	32,369
KY	7,341	*6,786	7,193	6,898	7,169	6,954
LA	3,877	3,966	3,980	3,984	3,998	3,988
MD	8,908	8,882	8,847	8,921	8,887	8,901
MS	19,459	19,465	19,480	19,358	19,367	19,301
NC	19,156	19,020	*19,029	18,921	*18,569	19,023
OK	6,526	6,720	6,793	6,746	*6,605	6,588
PA	3,793	3,884	3,861	*3,916	*3,851	3,886
SC	3,392	3,783	3,768	3,748	3,759	3,760
TX	*15,428	*15,366	*15,334	*15,339	*15,324	15,475
VA	6,662	6,668	6,518	6,529	6,642	6,653
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,682	17,834	*17,868	17,871	*17,993	18,055
19 State Total	*211,621	*212,652	*213,974	*213,481	*212,704	212,557
Previous Year Total	210,077	209,276	208,865	207,999	209,166	206,679
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	103	102	103

* Revised

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

State	Week Ending					
	Apr 3 2004	Apr 10 2004	Apr 17 2004	Apr 24 2004	May 1 2004	May 8 2004
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	21,846	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735
AR	25,018	25,371	25,120	*24,968	*25,959	26,540
DE	4,750	4,890	4,959	5,051	4,352	4,678
FL	1,540	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495
GA	26,963	25,506	26,269	26,238	*27,035	27,069
KY	5,801	5,751	5,894	6,002	*5,967	6,116
LA	3,778	4,043	3,414	3,796	*3,725	4,068
MD	5,934	5,436	5,897	5,879	6,378	5,670
MS	16,617	16,600	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915
NC	15,120	15,060	15,076	14,916	*15,498	15,179
OK	5,033	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929
PA	2,776	2,784	2,626	*2,688	*2,710	2,816
SC	4,179	4,526	4,367	3,998	3,715	4,344
TX	12,504	*12,535	*12,672	*12,850	*12,826	12,858
VA	5,236	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236
CA, MO, TN, & WV	16,057	16,265	16,316	15,459	*16,516	14,980
19 State Total	173,152	*171,814	*173,148	*173,360	*174,971	174,628
Previous Year Total	167,995	169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	101	102	102

* Revised